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REF: (A) STATE 64501, (B) STATE 38223

1. LABOR ATTACHE HAS DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS OF U.S. POSITION ON ILO CONTAINED IN STATE 38223 WITH MIRNA SANTAELLA, LABOR MINISTRY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE ILO; WITH MANUEL PENALVER, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS AND WITH MARIO BEROES COORDINATOR FOR COMMISSIONS OF THE FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (FEDECAMARAS).A SANITIZED SPANISH TRANSLATION OF PRINCIPAL POINTS IN STATE 38223 PLUS COPIES OF 1975 LETTERS OF INTENT AND PRINCIPAL 1977 STATEMENTS ON WITHDRAWAL WERE LEFT WITH EACH.

2. ALL OFFICIALS APPROACHED EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BEING INFORMED OF U.S. THINKING ON ISSUE OF U.S. RETURN TO THE ILO. BEROES REPORTED BACK TO THE LABOR ATTACHE THAT A MEETING OF THE FEDECAMARAS COMMISSIONS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT AND WOULD BE GIVING THE ISSUE FURTHER CONSIDERATION, FOLLOWING STUDY OF THE PAPERS
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PRESENTED. HE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE FEDECAMARAS SYMPATHY FOR THE U.S. OBJECTIONS TO RECENT ILO DEVELOPMENTS THAT LED TO U.S. WITHDRAWAL AND HOPES THE PROBLEMS COULD BE CORRECTED TO PROMOTE A U.S. RETURN TO THE ILO. PENALVER WHO, ALONG WITH CTV PRESIDENT VARGAS, HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE AFL-CIO ON THE ILO PROBLEM ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR U.S. REENTRY BUT SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE TIME. SANTAELLA SAID VENEZUELA GOVERNMENT WAS "SYMPATHETIC"

TO EFFORTS FOR A U.S. RETURN AND STATED SHE WOULD FORWARD PAPERS ON SUBJECT TO THE MINISTER OF LABOR FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. ALL THREE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO THE LABOR ATTACHE'S SUGGESTION THAT THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. OBSERVERS TO ILO GENEVA MEETINGS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT UNLIKELY THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WILL TAKE ANY ACTION FAR OUT OF LINE WITH G-77 ON CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS OF CONCERN TO U.S., BUT WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE OPEN TO SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTIVE COMPROMISES ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. THE EMPLOYER AND WORKER DELEGATIONS FROM VENEZUELA ARE MORE OPEN TO POSITIVE INITIATIVES TO FACILITATE A U.S. RETURN. BELIEVE U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT WE SUSPECT MOST CANDID DISCUSSION WOULD COME FROM THE EMPLOYER AND WORKER DELEGATIONS.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ON-GOING REPORTING SUCH AS CONTAINED IN STATE 64501 AND WILL TALK FURTHER WITH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS AS OPPORTUNITIES PERMIT.

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